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Honorable committee chair and members

I own a store in Cumberland near MA border and since the menthol ban in MA we saw a big surge in our business and this is the case in most RI store because we are surrounded by MA , RI had a big increase in tax revenue from these products, MA ban didn't work people going Neighboring states to get menthol tobacco products. Other side we in RI saw a surge in our businesses so please think about it you will be pushing people to other sources and even black market to buy menthol we will loose business and state will loose in tax revenue.

It has been well documented the FDA is taking action on vape and flavored tobacco. Let the agency with most resources do their science-based work. The MA bas has failed and RI would be wise not to follow.

I would really appreciate if you don't move forward with this bill.

Thank you for you time.

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